Development Agency under the Ministry of Water Resources has completed the preliminary feasibility reports of Mahanadi-Godavari Link and three links forming the Godavari-Krishna Link proposals. The feasibility studies of the remaining links and the field survey and investigation for preparation of detailed feasibility reports of the links are included in the Eighth Five Year Plan Programme of the Agency.

Medium and majojr irrigation projects in Maharashtra

665. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the number of medium and major irrigation projects in Maharashtra are witnessing a very high time and cost run;

(b) if so, the project-wise details of such medium and major irrigation projects in operation/under execution;

(c) the details of special assistance proposed during the Eighth Five Year Plan to expedite these projects; and

(d) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has made any proposal in this regard and the details of decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) During the Plan period, 14 Major and 157 Medium projects have been completed up to end of 7th Plan in the State of Maharashtra. The Project-wise deails of the on-going schemes is given in the Annexure attached. (See Appendix CLXVI Annexure No. 12)

(c) No special assistance is provided to expedite the projects in the 8th Plan. However, to ensure accrual of benefits from investment the strategy adopted in 8th Five Year Plan is to attach top most priority to completion of on-going projects which have made significant progress in implementation.

(d) The Government of Maharashtra had sent to the Planning Commission on 7-1-1991 a proposal for raising resources outside the plan for accelerating Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra. As the total investible resources for the market borrowing programme, both for the Central and State Governments, is limited, there is no scope for allowing any additional allocation to Maharashtra Government over and above the borrowing programme as already approved. However, it has been decided to allow state level public sector undertakings to issue bonds in conformity with the guidelines of Securities and Exchange Control Board of India.

Share of Flood waters of Ganga to Rajasthan

666. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has been claiming its share in flood waters of Ganga which could be diverted to the arid areas of Rajasthan since 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that comments called for in this connection by the Chairman, Central Water Commission from the State Government were sent as early as June, 1990; and

(c) if so, what is the present position of the case and by when the Rajasthan is likely to get its share in flood waters of GANGA, and if there is any delay the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Rajasthan had submitted a proposal in 1984, envisaging diversion of 1133 cumec of Ganga Waters near Hardwar for 100 days during monsoon for utilisation